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For

PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONNECTING SMOKING ARTICLES

Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.
Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previous
filed statement.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
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Responsive to the Office Action of March 21, 2006, the period for response extending until June 21, 2006, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.